

Working With Police



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Introduction of the organization

Mr. Sunil Babu Pant started lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender and inter-sex (LGBTI) movement in 2001, established Blue Diamond Society



to address the sexual health and human rights of LGBTI people in Nepal.

Initial Situation

Hidden

Not organized

Not recognized from the government and societies

Nepali society not aware of LGBTI issues



Geographical Coverage

- 1 Central office in Kathmandu
- 5 Regional Offices
- 22 City Offices led by LGBTI community



Programmatically Coverage

HIV/AIDS prevention

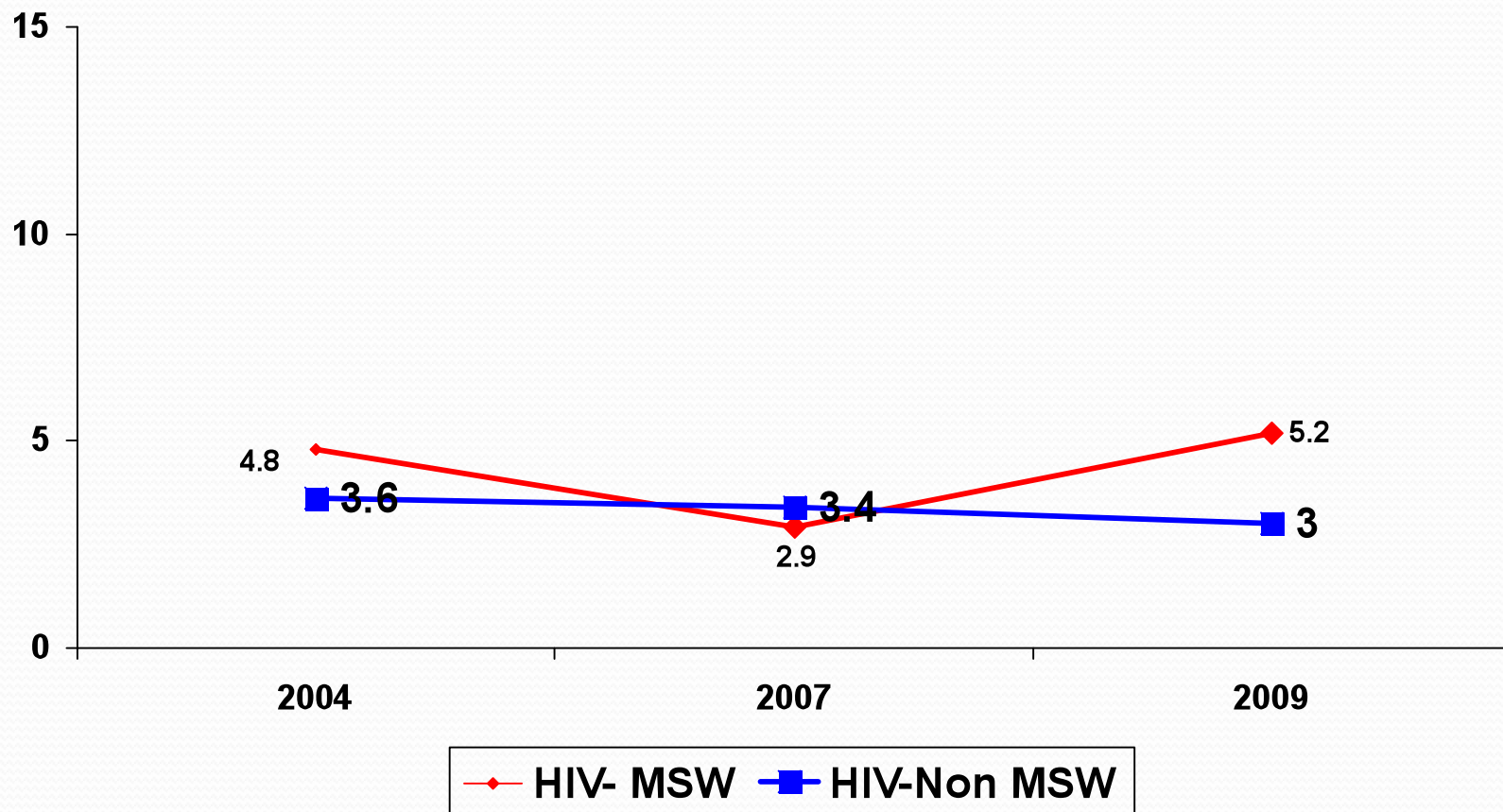


Human Rights and Advocacy



Care and Treatment

HIV among MSW/Non MSW



IBBS Study carried out by FHI/Nepal, Chreepa, New Era and BDS

Violence and Harassment from Security Person

Security personnel are the ones who mistreated us the most.

Security person caught Tgs without any reasons and kept in jail and custody.

Difficulties in carrying condom and lubricant .

Beaten up by security person.

Black Mailing (receiving money from us, if not threatening to take in police station)

Rape and physical abuse.



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Two transgender were raped and brutally beaten up by security person in 2003

Arbitrarily arrested



On August 9 2004, 39 members of Blue Diamond Society were arrested arbitrarily and kept in prison for 13 days without charge. Later they were released on bail for the charge of public nuisance

Turning Point of LGBTI movement

Supreme Court Decision in 2007

- LGBTI people are natural person. Treat them equally.
- Provide citizenship card to Tg according to gender Identity
- Form 7 members same sex marriage committee.
- Amend and end all discriminatory laws against LGBTI community



Impact of Supreme Court Decision

- Openly Gay member elect in Nepali Constitutional Assembly.
- Government start to allocate Budget for LGBTI people.
- Political parties include LGBTI issues in their political manifesto.
- And then police harassment decreased dramatically.

Activities Conducted to Reduce harassment from security personnel

- Regular meeting with police personnel, inviting them in our program.
- Sensitization , orientation program targeted to security person.
- Training for LGBTI community to increase knowledge on Human Rights, Advocacy and Communication skill.





Activities Conducted to Reduce harassment from security personnel

- We have legal AID unit in Blue Diamond Society
- 3 full time lawyers are working with BDS.
- Legal AID unit provide legal aid support for community.
- Documentation on human right violation.
- Report to National Human Right Commission, OHCHR and other HR agencies.
- Legal unit report to human right unit of Nepal Police and concerned police authority in case of harassment and violation from law enforcement agency
- We file the complain and get justice.



Best Practice

- Not only Condom, lubricant program but also legal aid service for our community which is highly demand and need of community.
- Working with police in grass root level
- Local, Regional and National level advocacy plays significant role to reduce such kind of harassment and to build good relation with police.



Achievements

- Police harassment has been reduced.
- In case of harassment, LGBTI community gets justice from police.
- We invite security person in our program and they invite us theirs.



What more Needs to do?

- Proper Research and Study required.
- IEC material targeted to security person to sensitize them on LGBTI issue.
- More exposure programs for LGBTI people and Security person in each other activities.(Good Example ICAAP 10)
- HIV/AIDS fund should be allocated to security person as well.

THANK YOU !

